

TREATMENT COURTS COORDINATING COMMISSION

Treatment Court Fact Sheet

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Why Treatment Courts?



Proven cost-effective method of diverting offenders from incarceration in prisons



Lower the recidivism rate of offenders when compared with either incarceration or probation



Allow offenders to remain in the community, to work, pay taxes, support families



Reduce the number of babies born prenatally exposed to drugs/alcohol, saving the state millions of dollars in lifetime costs



Reduce crime and the need for foster care



Help ensure child support payments are made

MISSOURI TREATMENT COURT HISTORY

1993 • Jackson County

The first treatment court started in 1993 in Jackson County

First Legislation

1998

The first legislation for Missouri treatment court passed in 1998

2010 • DWI Court

Legislation was passed in 2010 to establish DWI court dockets which allowed for limited driving privileges to be issued to participants and graduates of a DWI court in Missouri

Veterans Treatment Courts

2013

Legislation was passed in 2013 to establish veterans treatment courts

2018 • Treatment Court Standards

Legislation was passed in 2018 to further define all treatment court models and provide for the development of treatment court standards

MISSOURI TREATMENT COURT PROGRAMS

As of June 2022, 44 judicial circuits had the following treatment court programs:

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Juvenile Treatment Courts

Serving 5 counties

25

DWI Courts

Serving 29 counties

82

Adult Treatment Courts

Serving 101 counties

16

Veterans Treatment Courts

Serving 39 counties

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Family Treatment Courts

Serving 20 counties

SAVE LIVES



+2,021

current active participants



+26,083

treatment court graduates



1,234

drug-free babies born to treatment court participants

ADDRESS ISSUES



In 2022, 2,181 Missourians lost their lives to an opioid overdose (includes heroin and prescription opioids).
Source: [Department of Health and Senior Services](#)



As of December 31, 2016, there were 32,461 offenders in Missouri state prisons. Of these, 7,422 had drug or DWI convictions. Source: [Missouri DOC Annual Report 2016](#)